

Harwood Union Board of Directors Meeting
15 April 2015
Harwood Library
5:30 PM

Unapproved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Deb Hunter, Chair; David Goodman, Vice Chair; Susi MacLean Daley; Garret MacCurtain; Dale Smeltzer; Rosemarie White

Administration: Brigid Scheffert, Superintendent; Lisa Atwood, Co- Principal; Amy Rex, Co-Principal

Student Representative: Connor Delaney

Public: MRV-TV camera operator, Lara Seaberg, Minute taker

Call to order: Deb Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Executive Session: At 5:35 on a motion made by Dale Smeltzer and seconded by Rosemarie White the Board voted to enter into Executive Session with administrators present for a matter of student discipline. The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:00 PM with no action taken.

On a motion made by Dale Smeltzer and seconded by Garrett MacCurtain the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 PM on a matter of personnel for a Step 3 Grievance Hearing with HU administrators and an HEA representative present. The Board came out of Executive Session with no action taken at 6:16 PM.

On a motion made by Deb Hunter and seconded by Dale Smeltzer the Board voted to uphold the decision rendered in the Step 2 Grievance Hearing.

Deb Hunter reconvened the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Approval of minutes: Dale Smeltzer moved to approve the 18 March 2105 minutes as written and Rosemarie White seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstention.

Discussion Items:

Committee reports

Finance and facilities committee: Deb Hunter shared with the full Board that the Finance and Facilities building redesign group had met with Truexcullins to discuss a plan of action and timeline. The next time they will meet will be Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 4:30 PM. Amy Rex shared that she would like to have a place on the new web site for progress updates on the

redesign and the meetings with Truexcullins. The administration also hopes to recruit students and teachers to get involved the redesign discussions.

Academic Planning and Policy Committee: Dale Smeltzer informed the full Board that the APP committee has two items that it would like to change. It would like to move the early retirement notification to 1 November and to move the Class Size Report to October. The committee would like these to be discussed during the May meeting. The next Academic Planning and Policy Committee meeting will be 6 May 2015 at 4:15 PM.

Information Items:

Student Representative Report: Student Government representative, Connor Delaney, shared with the Board what it has been working on. The student Government is working on making it mandatory for all students to get one world language credit requirement for graduation. It is also working on a teacher survey. The survey would let students give feedback on the course and let students reflect on their contribution to the course. Student Government is also still working on trying to change the schedule back to eight blocks. Lisa Atwood informed all present that an eight block schedule would not be done for next school year but that they are looking into possibly using H block for academics. They are looking into an eight block schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.

Co-Principals' Report: Amy Rex informed the Board that the new school website is being worked on and they would like to link other school websites to it such as the Harwood Music Department website. David Goodman stated that he would like to see the new website be user friendly and have easy access to the school calendar.

Middle School Exchange Agreement: Dale Smeltzer made a motion to confirm the Middle School Exchange Agreement as presented. Susi MacLean Daley seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Superintendent's Report: Brigid Scheffert informed the Board that the Executive Committee received a study grant from the AOE for facilitation or legal fees related to declining enrollment and budgeting and that each of the local Boards should vote on it. After some discussion Susi MacLean Daley made a motion that the Harwood Union Board supports the WWSU study grant from the AOE that will be used to identify and prioritize ways that we, the WWSU, can work together to improve educational quality and reduce costs within our schools. Rosemarie White seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Brigid Scheffert shared that policy packet five should be on the May meeting agenda for a first reading and at the June meeting it should be warned for adoption. At the moment the Executive Committee is engaged with collective bargaining negotiations and hiring.

Action Items

The next full Board meeting is 20 May 2015 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara Seaberg
Minute taker